

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend page 23, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, as follows:

The decrypted data is delivered to a user authentication mechanism 8. The user authentication mechanism 8, a protocol checker 20, a logic simulator 44, an emulator [[44]] 45, a real LSI 42, and other components are interconnected by a LAN (Local Area Network), and they operate with data transferred among them.